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IRISH TABLE LINEN.
FRENCH BLANKETS,
Very warm but not heavy.
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PER ANNUM.

BANKS.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.	
PAID-UP CAPITAL	\$10,000,000
RESERVE FUND	\$ 6,000,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS	\$10,000,000
COUNT OF DIRECTORS:	
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LONDON BANKERS—LONDON AND COUNTY BANKING COMPANY, LIMITED.	
HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED ON Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent, per Annum on the daily balance.	
INTEREST ON FIXED DEPOSITS:	
For 3 months, 2½ per cent. per Annum.	
For 6 months, 3 per cent. per Annum.	
For 12 months, 4 per cent. per Annum.	
T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.	
Hongkong, 1st November, 1896.	[1873]
HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.	
THE Business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.	
INTEREST on deposits is allowed at 3½ PER CENT. per annum.	
Depositors may transfer at their option balances of \$100 or more to the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK to be placed on FIXED DEPOSIT at 4 PER CENT. per annum.	
For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,	
T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.	
Hongkong, 1st August, 1895.	[1873]
THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.	
INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER 1851.	
HEAD OFFICE—LONDON.	
CAPITAL PAID-UP	\$100,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF SHARE-HOLDERS	\$100,000
RESERVE FUND	\$100,000
INTEREST ALLOWED on CURRENT ACCOUNT at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the Daily Balances.	
On Fixed Deposits for 12 months—4 per cent.	
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T. H. WHITEHEAD, Manager, Hongkong.	
Hongkong, 1st October, 1896.	[1873]
THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.	
Authorized Capital	\$1,000,000
Subscribed Capital	\$2,500,000
HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.	
Court of Directors:	
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H. Stoltz, Esq.	Kwan Ho Chuen, Esq.
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Interest for 12 months Fixed, 5 per cent.	
Hongkong, 23rd October, 1896.	[1873]
CAROLINE UMAVENERIUS USED FOR 20 YEARS. WITH the Utmost Success.	
Thoroughly reliable preservative for Wood and Stone against White Ants, Decay, Fungus Rot and Damages.	
Sole Agents for China.	
SCHEELE & Co.	
Hongkong, 15th May, 1896.	[1873]

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EXPLOSION IMPOSSIBLE.

JASTRAM'S PATENT GOLDEN MEDAL PETROLEUM ENGINES

OF 5 TO 12 H.P.

FOR FACTORIES AND LAUNCHES.

WORKED BY ORDINARY PETROLEUM.

Consumption of Petroleum 1 lb. per H.P. and Hour.

A Working Stationary Engine and a Launch with a 4 H.P.

Engine will be shown and full particulars be given on application.

SCHEELE & CO., HONGKONG,

SOLE AGENTS FOR THE EAST.

NO PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER REQUIRED.

THE CLUB HOTEL, YOKOHAMA.

5, FUND, YOKOHAMA.

FIRST-CLASS HOTELS, centrally situated, well-furnished, the Cuisine under the Supervision of approved French Chef has no equal. ENTIRE FOREIGN MANAGEMENT.

Experienced English matron in attendance. Agent attends arrivals and departures; every assistance given in clearing luggage and affording information. Passengers are met at the Railway Station.

VISITORS have the option of staying either in TOKYO or YOKOHAMA, without extra charge—THE ONLY HOTEL OFFERING SUCH AN ADVANTAGE. EUROPEAN HAIR DRESSER on the Premises.

Certified Guides are in attendance at both Hotels.

THE CLUB HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED, PROPRIETORS.

E. V. SIOEN, Manager, YOKOHAMA.

HOTEL METROPOLE, TSUKIJI, TOKYO.

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INSURANCES.

EMPEROR ASSURANCE CORPORATION, LIMITED.

FIRE AND MARINE.

WE have This Day been appointed AGENTS, and are prepared to accept RISKS at CURRENT RATES.

HOLLIDAY, WISK & Co., Hongkong, 28th April, 1896.

THE MANCHESTER FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1834.

CAPITAL \$2,000,000
TOTAL FUNDS AND SECURITY \$4,80,053
NET ANNUAL FIRE PREMIUM \$75,478

HAVING been appointed AGENTS of the above Company, we are prepared to accept EUROPEAN and CHINESE RISKS at CURRENT RATES.

HOLLIDAY, WISK & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 2nd January, 1896.

NORTH GERMAN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HAMBURG.

THE Undersigned AGENTS of the above Company are prepared to accept First Class FOREIGN and CHINESE RISKS at CURRENT RATES.

SIEMSEN & Co.

Hongkong, 28th May, 1895.

GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

CAPITAL, TAELS 600,000

EQUAL TO \$83,333-33

RESERVE FUND \$318,000-00

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

Lee Sing, Esq. | Lo Yew Moon, Esq.

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MANAGER—HO AME!

MARINE RISKS on GOODS, &c., taken at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the World.

HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST.

Hongkong, 28th December, 1895.

NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED \$1,000,000

The above Company is prepared to accept MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on Goods, &c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world payable at any of its Agencies.

CHAU TSEUNG FAT, Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE,

No. 3, QUEEN'S ROAD, WEST.

Hongkong, 28th Nov., 1895.

ST. GEORGE'S BALL.

AT A MEETING of the MEMBERS of former Committees of St. George's Ball held at Government House on the 1st instant it was decided to hold a ST. GEORGE'S BALL on the 22nd January, 1897, if a sufficient number of Englishmen subscribed.

From To-day, and for 12 days afterwards, SUBSCRIPTION LISTS will be found in the Clubs and other places.

Due notice will be given of any further action taken.

T. SERCOMBE SMITH, Hon. Secretary,

St. George's Ball Provisional Committee.

Hongkong, 5th December, 1896.

TRADE MARK.

SIR WILLIAM ROBINSON will be "AT HOME" from 3:30 P.M. on WEDNESDAY, the 23rd December, and THURSDAY, the 24th December. TENNIS.

Hongkong, 7th December, 1896.

TELEPHONE—75.

SOLE AGENTS FOR HONGKONG,

CALDBECK, MACGREGOR & Co.,

WINE and SPIRIT MERCHANTS.

15, Queen's Road, Hongkong, 5th December, 1896.

TRADE MARK.

AQUARIUS

A SPARKLING MINERAL TABLE WATER.

ESTD. 1884.

It is most suitable for mixing with Wines and

Spirits; it neither discolours them nor changes their

flavour, as is so often the case with those Mineral Waters

which contain iron and other salts.

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15, Queen's Road, Hongkong, 5th December, 1896.

TRADE MARK.

THE HONGKONG BUTCHERY.

PRIME FRESH BEEF AND SHANGHAI MUTTON.

CORNED BEEF.

CALIFORNIA CREAMERY BUTTER.

\$1.40 per Roll.

OUR CELEBRATED CLUB HOUSE SAUSAGES.

Twenty-five Cents per Pound.

J. TATAM, PROPRIETOR

Hongkong, 19th November, 1896.

TRADE MARK.

FOR SALE.

G. H. MUMM & Co.'S CHAMPAGNE.

In cases of 2 doz. pints \$35 per case.

do 1/2 quarts \$33 per quart.

SHAW & Co., PROPRIETOR

Hongkong, 19th June, 1896.

TRADE MARK.

MEALS

MONTHLY RATES

1000 FEET ABOVE SEA LEVEL

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS,

"EXCELSIOR," HONGKONG.

A. B. C. Code.

THE TEMPERATURE IS AT LEAST 10 DEGREES COOLER THAN IN QUEEN'S ROAD.</p

To-day's Advertisements.

DO YOU DRINK BEER?

If so, the chief points to consider are flavor, body, color, digestive properties.

A beer which excels in all these qualities is essentially healthy, invigorating and refreshing.

EPICURES SAY THAT RAINIER BEER surpasses all other beers on this account. Competent judges pronounce it to be the KING OF BEERS. Wherever it is introduced it immediately becomes popular.

EXPERIENCE PROVES THAT RAINIER BEER is the best table beer in the market.

TESTS SHOW that it is the best beer for the tropics, thus demonstrating its "keeping qualities."

RAINIER BEER.

The leading Hotels and Clubs keep "RAINIER," because it is always in demand.

Ice House Lane,
Hongkong, 8th December, 1896.

MARRIAGE.

At the residence of the officiating clergyman 15, Tsui-ji, Tokio, on the 25th Inst., by the Rev. JOHN W. WADMAN, assisted by the Rev. E. W. WATERS, of Osaka, the Rev. CHARLES A. TAUKE, of Hiroshima, to Miss GRACE TURNER, of Rochester, N. Y., formerly of Fukacka.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1896.

TELEGRAMS.

REUTER'S MESSAGES.

EGYPT.

LONDON, December 6th.

Egypt has accepted the offer of Great Britain for pecuniary aid.

[The offer of Great Britain consisted of an advance of £500,000, which the Alexandria Court of Appeal condemned the Egyptian Government to pay for the Douglas campaign.]

DOWN WITH THE TYRANT!

Several Turks have been arrested and exiled to Anatolia without trial. They are believed to be connected with the Liberal party, which is growing in strength, and has sent emissaries to the Embassies demanding political liberties, and coinciding with "Down with the tyrant."

(From *Koko Chronicle*)

A BANK FOR FORMOSA.

TOKYO, November 26th.

The Government proposes to establish a large bank in Formosa. The Bill is to be submitted to the Diet in the coming session. It is said that the capital of the bank is fixed at five million yen and it will be given the privilege of issuing bank notes the same as the Bank of Japan.

REMARKABLE SPEECH BY COUNT OKUMA.

TOKYO, November 28th.

Count Okuma, Minister for Foreign Affairs, delivered a speech at a meeting of the Oriental Society held at the Imperial Hotel last night. He said that he did not think it necessary to resort to strategy in conducting diplomatic affairs; he was prepared to act frankly, being guided solely by the principles of truth and justice. He observed that the relations between Japan and the Treaty Powers were very friendly and satisfactory, and it was his desire to develop foreign trade so as to unite the interests of the Powers, with a view to prevent any ambitious nation disturbing the peace of the world. He would never pass over in silence any attempt to intrude upon the national rights and interests of Japan. At such a time the patriotism of the nation would be fully displayed.

THE COURT SCANDAL.

TOKYO, November 28th.

It is reported that the appeal of the *Twenty-sixth Century* in the libel case relative to the Minister of the Imperial Household has been dismissed, but no notice has yet been received by the counsel of the defendants.

ONLY FOR A FEW DAYS MORE.

A great proportion of cataracts and diseases affecting those advancing in life occur to those having some deficiency in the construction of the eyes—the many years of "Eyes Strain" ending in serious forms of disease. Glasses specially adapted in youth to those requiring them save and preserve the sight.

Constantly recurring headaches, spells of dimness when reading, weak eyes, the letters running together; any of these symptoms indicate a deficiency in the form of the eye requiring glasses only to correct and cure.

Mr. LAZARUS supplied his SPECTACLES only after testing the sight.

ADVICE FREE.
HONGKONG HOTEL,
(Room No. 139).
Hongkong, 5th December, 1896. [1896]

EYE-SIGHT.

NOTICE.

M. R. N. LAZARUS, OCULIST-OPTICIAN, of LONDON and CALCUTTA, may be consulted for SPECTACLES at the HONGKONG HOTEL (Room No. 139).

ONLY FOR A FEW DAYS MORE.

The principal officials in the Imperial Household who will be dismissed are Baron Iwamura, Director of the Imperial Estates Bureau; Mr. Yamasaki, Director of the Chedo Kyoku; and Mr. Matano, a Secretary. Their dismissal from office will shortly be announced.

After that, Count Hijikata will be superseded as Minister of the Imperial Household.

S. M. ARIMATSU, a Secretary, will be dismissed for the same reason as the Director of the Police Affairs Bureau.

[No authority is given for this allegation.—ED.]

THE GERMAN TREATY.

TOKIO, November 29th.

The new German treaty gives the subjects of either country the right to take immovable property as security in the other country. It is expected that foreigners in Japan will advance money at low interest on this security. The relations between foreigners and Japanese will then become as landlords and tenants and it is feared that this will finally give rise to a Socialist agitation. The authorities therefore have the subject under consideration.

BOYCOTTING JAPANESE IN KOREA.

TOKIO, November 28th.

A despatch from Mr. Kata, *Charge d'Affaires* in Seoul, states that after vigorous remonstrance with the Korean Government, he had sent Japanese police officials to the localities where the export of rice was prohibited, and the prohibition has been removed. It is said that Mr. Kata has extracted a promise from the Korean Government not to repeat the illegal prohibition.

PROFESSOR BURTON AND THE MUNICIPALITY.

TOKIO, November 28th.

The report that the Tokio Municipal Council offered Professor Burton \$2,000 in full satisfaction of a claim for \$1,500 as remuneration, etc., for services rendered in connection with the City Waterworks, is correct. The Council refused to accept the claim, and it is reported that Professor Burton intends to bring an action at law to enforce payment.

THE ONWO-NEWCHWANG COLLISION.

This afternoon Messrs. Bejamin, Kelly and Potts received a telegram from Shanghai stating that in the Onwo-Newchwang collision case both steamers have been found to blame.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THERE will be a Hockey match to-morrow afternoon, Wigwam Lawn Tennis Club v. The Club "Bally" at 4.40 sharp.

THE REV. W. H. ELTON, Chaplain of Sandakan, is expected to arrive in the blue funnel steamer "Cawcock" due here in a few days.

H. M. S. "Astur" and "Spartan" arrived at Shang-hai on the 4th instant. It is reported that the "Spartan" will shortly come to Hongkong.

TELEGRAPHIC advices received at Shanghai on the 4th instant from Newchwang set forth that through the weather was cold at the northern port yet there was no appearance of ice in the river.

THE *Yukin Nippon* reports that many Filipinos suspected of taking an active part in the rebellion in the Philippines have been arriving in Japan of late, and that they are shadowed by spies of the Spanish authorities.

We notice that the West Yorks are playing football on the Parade Ground with the goals placed up and down the hill instead of across as formerly. This should make scoring exceedingly difficult for the team playing against.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.

THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

Hongkong, 15th September, 1896. [1896]

A VIRULENT type of infectious disease has broken out among the cattle and horses in the Yaeyama Islands, Okinawa, and the exports of live or dead cattle, horses, sheep and pigs has been prohibited.

In their *Weekly Share Report* issued at 5 p.m. to-day Messrs. Benjamin, Kelly and Potts state that business during the past week has been unusually quiet and no movement of any importance has taken place.

In our report of the Admiralty Court yesterday it was inadvertently stated that the action was dismissed. This is incorrect, the Pisan Judge having given the plaintiff, Pilot Frewer, judgment for the amount claimed, \$1,000, with costs, against the captain of the *Victoria*.

The goal posts of the Club football ground at Happy Valley are badly in need of repair, both the cross bars being broken. When some goal-keeper's head has been cracked by the fall of a bar they will perhaps be renewed, even should Oregon pine go up in the meantime.

In the North Borneo *Official Gazette* it is stated that Mr. Gerald Philip Stevens, Barrister-at-Law, of Lincolns Inn, has been admitted to practice in the colony of Labuan and in the State of North Borneo and their several dependencies as barrister, solicitor, attorney and pleader and in all or any of these capacities.

The crews of the Kowloon ferry launches are now dressed in very natty costumes of blue, faced, with red, and red stars on the collar. The coxswains all rejoice in lieutenants' stripes (red) on their sleeves and altogether the crews are now a credit to the management of the well kept boats on which they serve.

A SHANGHAI contemporary states that Shin Nana Ho, a Director of the China Merchants' Steam Navigation Company, has been appointed Taotai of Tung-yung, in the province of Chihi. It is also reported that Mr. Huang Hua Ning will fill the vacancy on the Board of the China Merchants' Company caused by the resignation of the aforesaid Taotai Shin.

THE Band of the West York Regiment will play the following programme at the Officers' Mess, Murray Barracks, to-morrow, commencing at 8 p.m.:—

Overture..... "St. Cecilia".....Adams.
Polska..... "La Sauteuse".....Debruck.
Selection..... "Oberon".....Weber.
..... "Mazeppa"..... "Der Schlossherr Tag in Elysia".....Grahl.
..... "Mehr Schlosser Tag in Elysia".....Grahl.
Selection..... "Gouverneur de Brabant".....Offenbach.

God save the Queen.

MR. BISHOP is still keeping up the fight for Rainier beer. He insists that it is the best in town, the Schlitz article can't be compared with it, and that pictures say Rainier is the best beer for the digestion and is very refreshing. Mr. Bishop is, we note, plastering the walls of Hongkong with glaring "ads" and recognizing the advantage of securing space in the *Telegraph*, has sent for publication in this issue one of his conspicuous advertisements.

Navy reached Shanghai on the 4th instant that a fortnight previously a battle was fought in Changi district, Kwangtung province, between the insurgents, who style themselves "Three Dot Society" and an imperial force under Colonel Feng, a son of the late celebrated Admiral Feng of Canton. The imperialists are reported to have defeated the insurgents. Is there a press censor in Canton? If not, how is it that this sort of news is not reported in the Canton paper.

THANKS to the recent heavy rains the lion guarding the City Hall fountain is now just as clean as possible, the red ink with which some larks deluged him the day having been washed off. It is a pity that the culprit has not been traced, but apparently public works can be damaged and disgraced with impunity so long as the officials in charge of them are left to ramble in peace, put in their time, and go home in their turn in the full enjoyment of hardened pensions which enable them to live on the fat of the land.

PENDER'S WHARF is now ornamented with a new life-saving apparatus, which, it is said, one of our high and mighty officials is going to patent. Of course we don't pretend to know anything about our officials—we have no right to know—but we are at liberty nevertheless to give publicity, with much' fear and trembling, to a rumour. The article in question is a cross between a boat hook and a shepherd's crook. We should advise the Police to have life-saving drill once a week with the new apparatus, which should also be of great service in tripping and hooking abounding thieves. We hope to see the whole of the Police Force armed with the new weapon shortly.

WE should like to know who is responsible for keeping the public thoroughfares clear? Doubtless some overpaid official who takes care to notice no obstruction till it happens to fall over it. On August 15th last the verandahs of No. 16 Praya Central fell down and it became necessary to support the front of the house by a scaffolding which blocks the sidewalk and a considerable portion of the Praya. From that day to this nothing has been done to restore the building and the obstruction has been allowed to remain. Where is the official responsible for this? Is he on leave or does he spend his time in writing voluminous reports on trivial subjects and so has to leave out the important parts to look after themselves?

A GENTLEMAN whom many in Hongkong will remember has come to the front in rather a startling manner at Singapore. We refer to "Baron de Horn" or, as he prefers to style himself, "Prince Alexander Tsar." A late issue of the *Strait Times* says that a warrant was to be applied for to seize the Baron's arrest. The complainant is Ong Teck Lim, a well-known young Chinese, son of the late Ong Kee Ho, formerly carrying on business in Boat Quay. Ong Teck Lim's allegation is that he was at Sandy Point, Tanlong River, and that, without any provocation, "Baron de Horn," accompanied and assisted by a Sikh, made an unprovoked and brutal attack on him; and that, furthermore, he was robbed of jewellery and diamonds to the value of \$6,000. The complainant, immediately after the alleged assault, communicated with the police, and exhibited numerous wounds and scars. His hands seemed to bear evidence of having had rings roughly torn off them.

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We only guarantee our WINES and SPIRITS to be genuine when bought direct from us in the Colony or from our authorized Agents at the Coast Ports.

FOR SHANGHAI

THE Company's Steamship

"WOOSSUNG."

Captain Harris, will be despatched as above on THURSDAY, the 12th instant, at 2 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,

Agents.

Hongkong, 8th December, 1896. [1896]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR SANDAKAN AND KUDAT.

THE Company's Steamship

"MEMNON."

Captain Mogridge, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 13th instant, at 2 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,

Agents.

Hongkong, 8th December, 1896. [1896]

CHRISTMASIDE.

AROUND THE SHOPS.

The outward and visible signs of the approaching "festival season" are again manifest, and a walk along the business parts of Queen's Road bears ample testimony to the fact. Far as we are from the cold climate Christmas is celebrated here with "all the honour," and the Hongkong tradesfolk with their usual enterprise have laid themselves out to supply the season's requirements in A style. The shop windows make a brave display of good cheer in solids and liquids, and sellers of jewellery, nicknacks, of all kinds, books, Christmas cards and other pretty little pieces of sentimentality, all lay store to the public in what just now is its most vulnerable part—its pocket. Poor paternosters dread the idea of a "trip down town with the wife or family," having in view a big depletion of purse or cheque book, but, ingeniously as he faces the ordeal, the general comes out from it smiling, full of the consciousness that he is making "A very Christmas" for his people something more than mere empty words. As far as business is concerned the tradesmen all say it is "brisk," and those who have specially catered for the requirements of Christmastide find that their patrons well appreciate their efforts. In the course of a "look-see" trip yesterday a *Telegraph* man had an opportunity of inspecting some of our leading establishments, and the following notes may be useful for those who have yet to make their Christmas shopping expeditions.

A. E. WATSON & CO., LTD.

This well-known establishment is to the front as usual with Christmas supplies, and their variety is fairly bewildering. For the dessert there are all the choicest of bon-bons and crackers, preserved fruits and sweets from famous French makers, and these, with Cadbury's chocolates, are put up in comely pretty parcels, many being in hand-painted boxes of plain, ivories, &c., fit for a place in any lady's boudoir. All Christmas presents for ladies here are also Atkinson's Colgate, Galles Frères, and other celebrated perfumes; daily stoppered bottles, and various bracelets, and other appearances of the toilet table. A fine display is made of Christmas cards, the Japanese varieties being very interesting and artistic, and just the things for sending home. In the matter of good cheer Messrs. Watson & Co. are able to play a very important rôle with their fine brands of liqueurs and spirits, their whiskies being like the proverbial good wife that needs no bush. For picnics they have a very handy and fair-sized pocket flask of the "crater" that should commend itself by looks alone. Then there are cordials, tonics, bitters of all kinds, as well as the firm's popular created waters. For those who want to "feel well" for the festive season, and the good cheer Messrs. Watson & Co. are able to play a very important rôle with their fine brands of liqueurs and spirits, their whiskies being like the proverbial good wife that needs no bush.

DAKIN, CRUCKSHANK & CO.

For the Christmas season Messrs Dakin, Cruckshank & Co. are showing a fine lot of fancy confectionery including Cadbury's Chocolates, which are packed in pretty boxes, and are very suitable for bestowing upon our young friends as "Christmas boxes." The showcases also contain some nice things in silver such as cigar and cigarette cases, writing sets, smelling bottles, &c. The boxes of perfume with cut glass and stoppered bottles also make a very seasonable offering for the ladies and they have a steady demand. Toilet requisites, posy boxes, brushware, &c., are also displayed in attractive designs. Cordials and minted waters are an indispensable adjunct to Christmas fare, and the firm supply their own popular make of these things, together with the choicest brands of wines and spirits.

H. RUTONJEE.

At 13, D'Aguilar street, Mr. H. Rutonjee has everything in the shape of provisions to glad the heart of young and old. His long experience in this business in Hongkong has enabled him to guess the public taste to a nicely, and his stock is as complete as the most judicious of housekeepers could desire. Among the many other good things we noticed a fine show of the Australian Pincapp's brand of ham, which are selling very readily. All the English delicacies of Huntley and Palmer and Cross and Blackwell are on sale, and in preserves and condiments, especially Indian pickles, sauces and chutneys Mr. Rutonjee has an assortment of which he is justly proud. Delicacies for dessert, such as dried fruits, nuts etc., are on hand and newly stocked for Christmas. For the children there is such a display of choice French sweets and crystallized fruits, English sweets and toffees, and Tom Smith's and Balmer's crackers as would fairly demoralize the best disciplined of nurseries. Raphael Tuck's and other Christmas cards are seen in endless variety, prices ranging from a few cents up to dollars, and some of the cards are indeed veritable works of art. For the convivialities of the season there are Golness' Stout (Wheeler's bottling) and Bass' Beer, Four Crown Whisky, and Isle of Skye Whisky, for all of which Mr. Rutonjee is sole agent. In fact, barring the roast beef, one could supply every gastronomic need for Christmas Day without going outside the shop. Mr. Rutonjee, like the other business people in town, says he finds business very good indeed.

G. GIRAULT.

Mr. Girault, the popular French confectioner, at No. 6, Queen's road, has provided for the holiday season in admirable style, and those who are bent on picnics or water parties can feel quite safe in entrusting the confectioner to our general chef. His cakes, game and meat pies and pastries are first class and he has a large stock of preserves from British and Continental makers that are well adapted to holiday-makers' requirements. We also sampled some delicious dried fruits and sweets which are packed in just the daintiest of boxes to suit the ladies. Of toys, too, Mr. Girault has made a good selection, and he has all the choicer presents for sale in most attractive shape. The wines and spirits which seem to form an indispensable feature in the majority of Hongkong business houses have not been neglected by our Gallic friend and he has a stock that will well repay inspection. Mr. Girault, who has had considerable experience in Paris, is prepared to cater for parties in tip-top style on shortest notice, and his workmen are all skilled cooks.

CH. H. GAUP.

It is not much use for an impudent newspaper man to linger over the jewels in Mr. Gaup's establishment as they come too high for him; but should any one care to select a piece of diamond jewellery for presentation purposes, nothing better than a visit to Gaup's can be suggested. The contents of one iron safe fairly dazzled the Telegraph man's eyes with their brilliancy. There were diamond bracelets, necklaces, pendants, stars, rings and flowers, diamond, turquoise, and sapphire and ruby rings, opal necklaces, pins, etc. In the show cases were gold and silver watches of the leading makes, fancy clocks, some prettily set in hand-painted porcelain, silver trinkets, gold chain lock bangles, pens and pencil cases, all of which offer an easy choice in the selection of presents, and the special line of Volglanders and Son's binoculars, for which Mr. Gaup is sole agent, are well worth attention.

D. K. GRIFFITH.

Amid the many Christmas cards now on the market, there are perhaps none so appropriate for despatching to friends abroad as Mr. D. K. Griffith's clever "piddig" English series. Mr. Griffith, whose business place is in Queen's road, is the originator of those quaint annual greetings in "piddig" to the old folk at home. His issue this season is miscellaneous, unique and interesting. In the cards he illustrates China and the Chinese only. His idea is that public interest in the Chinese far exceeds that in the Japanese latter having, he says, surfeited the public taste with a plethora of ill-drawn scenes illustrative of nothing in particular. Griffith's "piddig" English series have an increasing popularity and are unquestionably well suited as souvenirs to post home from residents in China. The old-time sentiments of "Merry Christmas" are given in catchy little quotations that are easily understood and the illustrations make them very interesting souvenirs of our Eastern home.

FLETCHER & CO.

At the drug store of Messrs. Fletcher & Co. an attractive display is made of perfumery room such makers as Atkinson, of Bond St., London, and Pinard of Paris, in exquisite cut glass and stoppered bottles. In addition to such things as the famed Tansan water and the tonic Vin Pastore, there is a fine assortment of French confectionery and of Tom Smith's crackers, which will enliven evening parties for years to come as they have done in the past. The show cases also contain numerous curiosities in the way of brush ware, shaving gear, and other little odds and ends that go to make a toilette to complete. The stock has been chosen with good taste and the genial manager (Mr. McIvor) says he will have a specially palatable black draught brewed for Boxing Day.

W. POWELL & CO.

On our visiting Messrs. W. Powell & Co's store, in Queen's road, to-day it was very evident that Santa Claus was approaching. The stock of Christmas toys here is very large and every wish of boy, girl, or infant is provided for with English, American, and Continental toys. For the ladies there are innumerable niceties, such as dressing and jewel cases, glass ware, work baskets, gloves, hats, purses, the hemstitch sewing machine, and the inevitable parrotinator. Gentlemen are provided for with pipes, tobacco pouches, bats, sticks, gloves, hose, ties, cigar and cigarette cases, and other things useful to the sterner sex. Powell & Co. make a specialty of furnishing, and their stock of carpets, crockery, oil stoves, glass ware, bedding, fenders, and so forth, is well worth inspection by those about to marry or those who, having married, wish to refurbish for Christmas or the New Year. In ladies' hats, silk blouses, and dresses, lace, ribbons, shoes, &c., the stock is very extensive, and the large daily attendance of lady customers speaks volumes for their appreciation of *la Mode*.

Other stores will be noticed to-morrow.

FOOTBALL.

HONGKONG FOOTBALL CLUB v. ROYAL ARTILLERY.

This match was played yesterday afternoon at Happy Valley, a large number of spectators being present. The Artillery had four of their best men absent, their places being taken by comrades who were practically non-player, so they can hardly be judged by yesterday's result. The Club had a strong team and there being no wind to speak of neither side gained advantage from favourable breezes. The teams were as follows:—

HONGKONG CLUB.—D. Wood, goal; H. Pinckney and E. H. Ressely, backs; H. W. Slade, H. W. Looker, and A. J. R. Greene, forwards. ROYAL ARTILLERY.—Gr. Leahy, goal; Gr. Briggs and Gr. Vaughan, backs; Gr. Minto, Gr. MacFadden and Sgt. Wells, halves; Gr. Duncan, Q.M.Sgt. Bleasdale, Gr. Riller, Gr. Whittle and Gr. Royal, forwards.

The Club kicked off and soon took the ball to the Artillery goal, whence it was quickly returned, but driven down again, with two tries at goal by the Artillery as the only result. The Artillery then brought the ball dangerously near the Club's goal, but it was again returned and this time the Club got a corner, which Slade muffed badly, the ball going behind the goal, although there was no wind to effect it. Hands was then given against the Artillery, in the vicinity of their goal, but the ball was cleverly headed out and taken to the Club's end, where Mayson got on to it and shot after a quick run, but missed. Up and down the field the ball went again and Mayson tried another shot, but while Slade again muffed a corner in the same manner as before. The Artillery keeper made a very poor goal kick, which travelled along the ground instead of rising, and some hot work went on round the ball, as Davis trying to head the ball in, but sending it well over the bar. Greene then tried a shot, but the goal-keeper saved it by a neat drop kick, and the ball was taken well up to the Club's goal, whence it was returned by one of Looker's fine kicks, and Mayson getting on it again had another miss to grow over. The game then became very fast round the R.A. goal and both Looker and Mayson shot, but failed. Slade was better this time on the corner, but it was headed out, and although Mayson shot again no score resulted. The R.A.'s then tried some fast play took place round the goal, during which two shots were made, one going over the bar and the other being fisted out by the goal-keeper. Hands was then given against the Club and their goal had a narrow escape from a rush, which Wood fisted out. The Club then got the ball and rushed it up to the R.A. goal, which was saved by Leahy, and after Dabby and Mayson had each tried a shot half time was called, no goal having been scored by either team.

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Captain Stevens, will be despatched as above on THURSDAY, the 17th instant.

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